

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Thanks to the Examiner for his courteous and informative interview.

Rejection Under 35 USC §102(e)

All claims, as previously presented, were rejected under 35 USC §102(e) as being anticipated by Kimoto et al patent, #6,075,992. Applicant has cancelled a number of the claims and the following arguments are presented with respect to the remaining claims.

A Global Positioning System (GPS) device is provided in the mobile stations of the present application. The GPS device is used to determine the current location of the mobile station containing it. In the embodiments covered by the claims now in the application, information is provided directly to another mobile station along with information of an accepted communication area. In applicant's attorney's opinion, the embodiment shown in Figure 8 of Kimoto does not deal with transmitting map information directly from one mobile unit to another. However, the Kimoto patent appears to disclose direct communication between mobile units beginning with the discussion of Figure 37 and 38. However, the applicant's attorney did not find any discussion about transferring information of a designated accepted communication area between the mobile stations. In Figure 38, the transfer of map information is made between the two mobile stations so that knowledge of an designated communication area is not necessary. To obtain the location of the other mobile station the one mobile station uses information contained in the information center 5 about the location of the other mobile station.

The claims of the present application, contained in this response, distinguish from the Kimoto patent for the above

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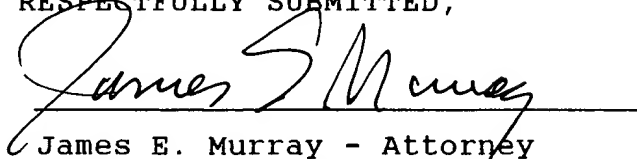
reasons. All are limited to the provision of information concerning an accepted communication area. For instance, claim 6 calls for each mobile station having "information transmission means, for transmitting to another mobile station information including the designation of said accepted communication area". Claim 8, like claim 6, calls for transmitting over a communication network position information from one mobile station to another mobile station where that information includes the designation of an accepted communication area and providing information when the detected location of the mobile station is within said communication area included in the received information. Claim 10 calls for software for transmitting from one mobile station to another information including the designation of said accepted communication area and software for providing information to the mobile communication system when the detected location of said another station is within said communication area.

The change in claim 6 is in response to Examiner's rejection under 35 USC §112. The changes in claim 10 include those discussed with the Examiner to make the claim more specific in reciting that the information is coming from one mobile station and sent to another mobile station. This change in the claim 10 does not raise a new issue since claim 6 contains a similar recitation. The recitation in claim 6 that the transfer of information from one mobile station to another mobile station contains information about the designation of accepted communication area has been in the application since its filing. Therefore it does not constitute new matter (also see the discussion in the specification in relation to Figures 22 to 29).

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For these and other reasons, all the claim distinguish over the prior art. Therefore, it is requested that the application be reconsidered, allowed and passed to issue.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

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